LIN TO ATTEND THE BIG WEDDING. Prince Ferdinand and His Bride Will Have a G. at Reception in Berlin-That Baby Farming Scandal-Building Society Frauda in England-The Late Baron Reinach.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Although the Princess Marie of Edinburgh will not be married for three weeks yet to the Crown Prince of Ronmania, the gathering of royal families has already begun. The Crown Prince, after a flying visit in London, left this week for Coburg. where the Princess Marie, who went before, is now inspecting her frocks and making other final preparations, under her mother's supervision, for the nuptials, King Charles of Roumania will Signaringen on Tuesday, and thence will proceed to the Coburg castle to see his future niece and her family. Whether the Queen, Carmen Sylva, will be able to take part in the festivities or not is uncertain. A despatch on Monday announced that her nervousness and weakness were increasing, and that she walked only with the greatest difficulty. As Jan. 10, the day fixed for the marrisge, is the anniversary of the death of the Duke of Clarence, the Queen will not be present, but will be represented by Sir Edward Malet, the British Ambassador at Berlin. where the ceremony is to take place. The marriage is to be performed by Prince Ghika, the Eussian Ambassador at Berlin. The failure of Queen Victoria to make her plans for a visit in Berlin has been a grievous disappointment to Emperor William, who had planned to make the wedding a spectacle to excite the envy of less favored countries. As matters look now he and King Charles will be the only crowned heads present, as the Czar will be represented by the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Alexis. Emperor Franz Josef by an Archduke, and King Humlert by the Duke of Genoa. After the marriage the bridal pair will spend the first fortnight at one of the chateaux of the bridegroom's father, and will then go to Roumania. Great proparations are being made for the reception of Princo Ferdinand and Princess Marie. On their ar rival at Eucharest divine service will be held in the Metropolitan Church, whither, accompanied by the King, their Royal Hignesses will proceed direct from the station. They will occupy at first apartments in the royal palace in Eucharest. Later they will remove to the Chateau Cotrocent, in the neighborhood of the capital, which is being prepared for their reception. A modal will be struck in commenta-ration of the wedding, bearing on one side the effigies of the Crown Prince and his bride and on the other the date of their marriage.

Cerman statesmen have been more excited since Thursday by the prospect of Ahlwardt's appearance in the Reichstag after Christmus. Ablward: will enter the Reichstag with the worst reputation borne by any Deputy since the retirement of Herr Most. He is a bankrupt of the worst kind. As need of a city school, he not only absorbed all the money of the purils, but also made a practice of plucking their parents. He has slandered and libelled Berlin magistrates, and has blackened the reputation of every lawyer who has tried to save him from the consequences of his dishonesty. He has been in five or six prisons, and not a respectable house in Berlin is open to

Berlin dailies are already discussing the probability that Carl Schurz will be the next United States Minister to the Imperial Court Among the Radical editors Mr. Schurz stands in high favor; the high Conservative and semi-official editors, however, regard the possible selection of Mr. Schurz as an unpleasant

semi-official editors, however, regard the possible selection of Mr. Schurz as an unpleasant prospect.

The taby-farming scandal in Lemberg, Austrian Galicia, is increasing rapidly. At first the number of victims was supposed to number only forty-one; in the last twenty-four hours the number has been swelled to fifty-three, and more discoveries are expected. The wife of a high officer is already implicated and the eighteen-year-old daughter of a councilman is said to be in the same embarrassing position. Supreme efforts are being made by influential men to suppress the scandal partially, if not wholly. Although midwives have been put under lock and key and several unfortunate peasant girls have informed the police how their illegitimate children were starved to death by the prisoners, it is probable that the guilty women will escape with a superficial trial and light sentence.

The war on the Canadian railreads by the American newspapers is exciting no little anxiety here among the stockholders and others interested in those roads, who feel that the loss of American traffic would be a serious blow to their interests.

It is reported that Queen Victoria has invited the Duchess of Buccleuch to visit her at Osborne. That means also an invitation for the Duke. The Duke of Buccleuch is almost as agreeable a person to her Majestyas his Duchess. And not without reason, for to say nothing of the fact of old acquaintance, there is more Stuart blood in the "bold Buccleuch" than there is in the royal lady herself. The Duke has the twofold distinction of being the wealthiest man in the kingdom whose wealth comes not from ground tents or freweries or stock jobbing, and also of possessing more tities than any other living British subject. In him are centred two duhedoms, Buccleuch and Queensberry; one marquisate, Dumfriesshire; four earldoms, one viscounty, and four baronies altogether twelve different dignities. He is possessed of estates valued at over two hundered thousand pounds ayear. Ho is an excellent landord, and the

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that of middle-class people, and represents the hard-earned savings of business and trade; but there are also multitudes of smaller investors, whose savings have been swallowed up in the mealstrom.

All that the victims can do is to demand the criminal prosecution of those against whom there is evidence of criminality, and this presecution is now being conducted. Unlike the French scandal, no prominent men are involved in this exposure, except that Mr. J. S. Balfour, M. P. was a director of the Liberator fullding Society, the Land Investment Trust, and other concerns that have involved thousands in ruin by their collapse.

There is no charge of guilty knowledge against Mr. Balfour, but he is execrated by a multitude of people who were induced by the prestize of his name to invest their savings in companies with which he was connected.

It is a significant fact, as revealing the way in which the Panama millions, taken from the pockets of thrifty French tradesmen and peasants, were squandered by the beneficiaries, that the late Baron Beinach had made an engagement the day before he committed suicide to witness the rehearsal of a ballet on the following Monday Relinach was a devotee of this ballet, and in the course of his life was the devoted admirer of not less than a score of Parisian fairles. He lavished diamonds and—bank notes on his favorites, and there was a rivary sometimes, both fierce and bitter, for his favor. The Baron was fickle in his attachments, and the young women of the ballet were well aware of this fact and therefore took occasion to got all they could while his friendship lasted. His last favorite is said to have been a young Englishwomen, brought up in Paris, and over whom, since she took to the stage, half the golden youth and veteran roues of Paris have been raving.

The Earon with his millions distanced them all and although the young woman had been under his shelter only about two weeks, sho is probably well provided against want unless she proves to be more than unusually extravagent. It

Discussing the Home Rule Bill.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Cabinet is discussing Mr. Gludstone's bill for Irish home rule. Much interest exists at the contents of the bill, but musulate see, cey is maintained.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL SLAVES found Murdered in Their Beds in the Sulta

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.-Four beautiful odalisques, or female slaves, were recently presented by the Khedive of Egypt to the Suitan of Turkey, and placed in the imperial harem. The odalisques appear to have had a captivating influence on the Sultan, who paid them so much attention as to excite the jeal-

ousy of the other women. The slaves were found murdered in their bels a few days ago, having fallen victims to poison. The Sultan is said to have been deeply enraged when he heard of their fate, and to enraged when he heard of their late, and to have ordered a rigid investigation and the severe punishment of the guilty. Three ennuchs who had access to the apartments of the victims have been arrested on suspicion of loing the persons who actually administered the poison, and at latest accounts they were being subjected to torture in order to compel them to make a full confession.

Suspicion of having instigated the crime rests chiefly on one of the concubines, who, until the arrival of the colalisques, almost monopolized the Sultan's affections.

In the present temper of his Majesty it is doubtful whether even she would escape the

In the present temper of his Majesty it is doubtful whether even she would escape the bowstring or the Bosporus should sufficient proof of her guilt be adduced.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.-The Russian Senate has promulgated a law requiring that Jewish artisans shall only reside in places where official Boards of Trade exist, the pretence being that the Jews can thus be kept more effectively under official regulation and

more effectively under official regulation and supervision.

Official licards of Trade exist only in about ten per cent, of the towns in Russia, and the decree therefore means a vast addition to the misery and oppression under which the Russian Jews already labor. Many thousands of Jewish artisans will be compelled to move from the towns in which they live to enter the competition for existence in populous centres. The object of the new law is believed to be to start the Jews again and drive them over the frontier, whether other countries are willing to receive them or not.

Murdered in a Compartment Car.

St. Perensnung, Dec. 17.-A terrible tragedy is reported from Rostov, capital of the government of that name. When a passenger train on the Vladienucasia Railway arrived at that place two merchants named Junakow and Raitschowitch were found murdered in a compartment of a flust-class carriage. The compartment between the season of a frightful struggle. The loads of the victims had been battered in, and blood covered the seats and was in pools on the floor. The merchants had evidently made a determined fight for their lives. Fighty thousand roubles, which they had in their possession, were missing, showing that the object of the crime had been robbery. The conductor of the train has been arrested on suspicion, as there is no evidence that any other person had access to the compartment. place two merchants named Junakow and

The First Map of America.

LONDON, Dec. 17.-It is officially announced that the Queen, at the request of the Government at Washington, has decided to loan for ment at washington, has decided to loan for exhibition at the Chicago Fair. Leonardo da Vinci's original drawing of the first map of America, now in the Queen's collection at Windsor Castle. The officials of the British Museum have agreed to permit the copying of any documents bearing on the early history of America for exhibition at Chicago.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Reichsanzeiger an-nounces that five cases of cholora and two deaths have been reported in Hamburg in the last three weeks.

Notes of Foreign Happenings. Emperor William says he does not intend to visit the Chicago Exhibition. The coal owners of Westphalia and Rhenish Prussia have resolved to raise the price of coal

Prussia have resolved to later in January.

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Arrived Prussian Arrived Pr louse, her residence on the lale of there she will remain until February. Spain will make a special Government grant to assist Spanish artists in exhibiting their works at the World's Fair in Chicago. Gerstenberg, an importer of American cattle at Bremen, has gono into bankruptcy, his lia-bilities amounting to 1,000,000 marks. The cotton crop of India has suffered severely owing to the failure of the November rainfall. It is the worst season within twenty

The steamer Atheletene and the schooner Psyche were in collision at Whithy, England, yesterday, and both vessels were so badly damaged that they sank. No lives were lost. Former Medical Director Kraus of Hamburg, who was driven out of office during the epidemic of cholera by complaints that his negligence was responsible for the spread of the plague, has died auddenly. It is suspected that he committed suicide.

THOUGHT HIS LIFE A PAILURE.

H. W. Shaw Disappears, with a Threat to Commit Suicide.

H. W. Shaw, buyer for the lace department in Aitken. Son & Co.'s, Broadway, left his home, 70 Irving place, at 2% o'clock on Friday afternoon and, it is feared, has committed suicide. sent to Keeper White of the Morgue vesterday. with the request to look out for a body answering to it:

'Man, aged 48 years, 5 feet 7 inches in height, blue eyes, light hair, very bald, mous-tache and full beard, dark brown; wore dark gray overcoat, black cheviot coat and vest. black and gray striped trousers, white shirt, standing collar, black satin four-in-hand tie, white underclothes, gray socks, laced shoes, fleur-de-lis scarf pin, with small diamond snake ring on third finger of left hand." When Mr. Shaw left home he left for his wife when Mr. Shav

When you receive this I shall be no more. I feel that my life has been a falture. my life has been a failure.

Mr. Shaw had been a salesman and buyer for Aitken Sons & Co. for thirteen years, and lately had been suffering from malaria, which had affected his mind. His friends are inclined to the belief that he may still be alive and wandering around somewhere. He was on the most affectionate terms with his wife, and spent his evenings at home. They have no children.

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Mrs. Shaw told a Sun reporter that her husband had been suffering from insomnia as well as malaria, and also had been worrying over business troubles. What the nature of these troubles was she would not say.

One of the firm said: "Mr. Shaw was not employed in a confidential capacity, and was a salaried employee. He was not behind in any accounts."

Mercier and Assexation.

MONTBEAL, Dec. 17.-L. O. David delivered an address last evening at Sohmer Park on the Canadian rebellion of 1837, eulogizing the men who took part in it. In his speech he mentioned the name of ex-Premier Mercier. mentioned the name of ex-Premier Mercier. The latter, who was in the audience, being loudly called for, delivered a brief address. He also culogized the men of 1837.

"It's to these men," he said, "that we owe the liberties we empty to-day, but there are indications that the struggle may have to be gone over again. To-day, as in 1837, we have to contend against enemies of our race who believe that the British flag is not large enough to shelter all creeds and all nationalities. It is important therefore, that all patriots should rally to courageously vindicate the rights which the Constitution guarantees to the floman Catholic and the French minority of the country. We must claim all our rights—no more, no less."

A Decision That May Increase the State's

ALBANT, Dec. 17.-The decision of the Supreme Court in New York yesterday, to the effect that legacies in trust for churches or public institutions are taxable, if the will was proba ed prior to the amendments passed by proba ed prior to the amendments passed by the Legislature last winter excepting such bequests, opens a large field for additional revenue to the Stato through the collateral in-heritance tax. The State Comptroller believes that many bequests have escaped the tax be-cause the Surrogates believed that the amend-ments were retroactive. He will immediately look them up. It is likely that the trustess of Grace Church and the Metropolitan Museum of Art will take the case up to the Court of Ap-peals.

the Tried to Hug the Keepers. An agent of Gerry's society brought to the Custom House yesterday one of the five Italian girls who arrived at this port on the steamship Giava on Dec. 9 and were detained on the suspicion that they had been brought here for immoral purposes. The Gerry society had learned that an Italian banker of this city was implicated in the importation of the girls, and wanted to search their trunks for possible inwanted to search their trunks for possible in-criminating correspondence.

The latter were in the seizure room, and the girl was taken there. Nething was found in the trunks, but the girl created a sensation by trying to hug all the keepers. She was pretty and only 20, but it is alleged that the keepers evaded her. The agent had a hard time try-ing to get her away.

THE PANAMA CANALSCANDAL Presents CHARLES DE LESSEPS AND THE OTHER

PRISONERS PROTEST. They Say They Are Treated Like Common Robbers and They Want Some Privi-leges—Twenty Million France Said to Have

Been Corruptly Paid by the Company. Parts, Dec. 17.-M. Charles de Lessens and his fellow prisoners, arrested for connection with the Panama Canal frauds, protested today against the rigid seclusion to which they are subjected in the Mazas prison. They said they were confined like common criminals, and subjected to the same treatment as rob bers and other offenders of the vilest type and they demanded the privilege of being al-

lowed to see visitors. The examining magistrate promised to con sider the request after he had examined the documents relating to their case. It is rumored that several of the Parliamen-

tary reporters will be arrested as agents in the corruption of legislators and several of these reporters are already under surveillance by the authorities.

The Figure says that the trial of the directors of the company before the Correctional Tribunal will proceed conjointly with their prosecution on charges of corruption before the Assiz Court.
The Eciair says that among the papers

seized belonging to Charles de Lesseps were found minutes signed by three directors, giving full revelations of the affairs of the comrang this revelations of the allairs of the company. The minutes, it adds, cover the transactions for several years.

The Republican journals are unanimous in their approval of the course of the Government in causing the arrest of MM. Charles de Lessens, Fontans, and San-Leroy. They hold that there must be no turning back in the prosecutions. Prosecutions.

The Ministry will ask the Chamber of Deputies to authorize the arrest of any of its members found to have been implicated in the

scandal.

La Lebre Parole, M. Drumont's paper, which La Labre Parole, M. Drumont's paper, which appears to be exceptionally well informed on Panama matters, says to-day that the amount of bribes distributed by agents of the company reached a total of 20,000,000 francs.

The determination of the Government to clear away all the mystery surrounding the affairs of the Panama Canat Company is undoubtedly founded on the helief that in this course alone lies safety for itself and for the country.

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Any display of hesitancy now would result in ruin, and as their official lives depend on probing the affair to the bottem there can be no doubt that in time the whole mass of corruption will be cleared away. To-day, acting under orders from the flower ment, the police searched the house of M. Laur, a louiangist member of the Chamber of Deputies, and seized a number of decuments pertaining to the Panama affair. M. Laur is at present in America.

London, Dec. 17.—Cornelius Herz, who is wanted in connection with the Panama frauds, is in London. He writes to his colleagues in Paris and to the committee saving that he will return presently, but just now he is too ill.

He is at the Eurlington Hotel, and the doors to his rooms are guarded by personal servants. His family is with him. They take their meals at their room and go out very little. Herz made his first money in Culifornia, where he practised as a doctor. He saved \$20,000 and then came to Europe, where he made a fortune through his connection with lobbylists in promoting electrical enterprises.

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VIENNA, Dec. 17. - Baron Henri Cottu, the di-VIENNA, Dec. 17.—Baron Henri Cottu, the director of the Panama Canal Company against whom an order of arrest has been issued, declares emphatically that the stories that he fled from Paris to escape criminal prosecution are without foundation. As soon as he heard that an order for his arrest had been issued he made preparations to return to Paris, and he says he will go back at once to face his prosecutors. He left this city to-night.

IN MEMORY OF WHITTIER. The Celebration of the Poet's Birthday by

AMESBURY, Mass., Dec. 17.-The birthday of

the post John G. Whittier was celebrated by his former townspeople to-day. For many years Dec. 17 has been a day for a town fes tival. This is the first since the poet's death and there was unusual interest in the exercises. They were held in the opera house this afternoon, and were of a special memorial character. On the platform were: Prof. J. W Churchill,

Andover; ex-Senator J. W. Patterson, New Hampshire; the Rev. W. J. Tucker, Andover; the Rev. George E. Richmond, George F. Babbitt, F. C. Cooper, James Cairns, J. H. Little, G. W. Christie, and W. B. Flanders of Haverhill: J. F. Spaulding of Salisbury, the Selectmen of Merrimae, the Selectmen of Amesbury,
Mayor Burcham of Haverhill Mayor Gurney
of Newburyport, the Selectmen of Salis bury,
and prominent citizens of Amesbury.
The exercises onened with an invocation by
Dr. Tucker of Andover, and the singing of
"Inmertal Love Forever Full," words by Mr.
Whittier, by a quartet. The President of the
day, Dr. H. G. Loslio, then addressed the garbering. He read a poem by Margaret Sangster,
following which Prof. Churchilt of Andover
read selections from the songs of the dead
poet. These were followed by an oration by
the Hon. James W. Patterson of Hanover, N. H.
At the conclusion of the oration, Miss Harriet Whittier of Cambridge sang a sols. Prof.
Churchill read "The Reformer," and the quartet sang "While the Years Roll On" and
Whittier's poem "Just a Song at Twilight."
Prof. Folger then read brief poetleal tributes
contributed by Harriet Prescott Snofford, Lucy
Larcom, Robert Purvis, and Louise Chandler Moulton, and letters of sympathy
and regret at inability to attend
from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Robert
C. Winthen, E. C. Stedman, Gov.
Russell, Gov. H. A. Tuttle of New Hampshire, Bishop Phillips Brooks, Mary A. Livermore, Charles Dudley Warner, Louise Chandler Moulton, Elizabeth Stoar, Helps Ward,
Celia Thaxter, the Hon, Henry L. Dawes, the
Hon, W. H. Hale, the Hon, E. Pilsbury, Robert Purvis, William Cogswell, Grace Greenwood, and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Among those present were Prof. E. C.
Smythe, Andover; Abigal Dodge (Gail Hamilton), Lucy Stone, John W. Hutchinsen, Lynn;
Henry Cabot Lodge, Charles Carieton Coffin,
Prof. Baneroft of Andover, and others of local,
professional, and literary note. men of Merrimac, the Selectmen of Amesbury, Mayor Burcham of Haverhill Mayor Gurney

A memorial meeting in commemoration of the eighty-fifth birthday of John Greenleaf Whittier was held last night in Association Hall in Brooklyn, under the direction of the Institute of Arts and Sciences. There was a large audience, and some of Brooklyn's most distinguished citizens were on the patform. After an introductory address by President John B. Woodward, the Rey John W. Chad-wick read an original memorial neem and the wick read an original memorial poem and the audience sang one of Whittler's poems. Wil-liam Lloyd Garrison of Boston delivered an elaborate eulogy on the poet, and the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott also delivered a brief address. The exercises closed with the singing of Whit-tler's hymn, "Immortal Love."

Gen. Wade Hampton Declines to Re-enter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Gen. George C. Tanner. a Confederate soldier and political follower of Wade Hampton, wrote to him and urged him to reconsider his resolution refusing to again enter South Carolina politics. He also outlined certain plans by which he be-

also outlined certain plans by which he believe the General could triumph over his enemies. To this letter Mr. Tanner has received
the following reply:

Convent, S. C., Dec. 18.

I am obliged to you for your kind letter, which
reached me a few days ago. Inder no possible circumstances or permandium would I axis any place offered
me by fourth tarbina. I was urged to become a candidate for invernor at the last election, but I refused,
nor would I accept the position if every man in the
State desired me to do so. I have sattled my accounts
with the State, and I am antisfied with the result. I
am rejoiced only to know that the affection of my old
soldiers for the remains unshaken in storm and in calm,
Thanking you for your kind interest, yours truly,
Wade Hangros.

Defeat at the Polls a Reason for Suicide. Boston, Dec. 17 .- An examination of the papers of J. Walter Bradles, the prominent citizen of Milton whose body was found hanging to a tree in the woods yesterday, shows ing to a free in the woods vesterday, shows that he must have contemplated suicide for some time. Everything in his safe was found in order, with full and accurate instructions as to the disposal of his effects.

An intimate friend of Mr. Bradlee says that he has never been in good spirits since he was defeated for Sheriff of Norfolk county three years ago by the prosent Sheriff. He was the lepublican candidate in a district strongly Republican, and felt the sting of defeat very keenly.

Negroes in the People's Party Organization. Torera. Dec. 17 .- About twenty-five prominent colored men of the State are here to-day to organize what they call the Colored Men's Brotherhood of the People's Farty. They propose to have in every county an organized working (orce. A. B. Cabbell, the colored Popullat elector, received his certificate this morning, and remains in Topeka to take an active part in the forming of this new league. This organization of the negroes is part of the general pien of the Popullat party organization.

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are those that are most serviceable. What do you think of a handsome Music Portfolio, or Onyx or Numidian Marble Table, or a handsome Firescreen, or elegant Engraving Portfolio in Mahogany or Oak, Brass Easel in Colonial or Empire style, a Brass five o'clock Tea Kettle. All these and many more marvelously attractive articles suitable for

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MURPHY FOR SENATOR

His Messages on the School Question and Convict Labor while Mayor of Troy. ALBANY, Dec. 17.-Lewis E. Griffith is the County Judge of Renssalaer county. When a young man he was private secretary to Edward Murphy, while Mr. Murphy was Mayor of Troy. No doubt he is the best man in Troy to speak about the many qualifications of Mr. Murphy while Mayor, and what he did for the city over which he was its executive for eight

years. "It is ridiculous," said the Judge to THE Sun reporter to-day, "for the Mugwumps to criticize Mr. Murphy as lacking in business qualifications, or that he is narrow-minded qualifications, or that he is narrow-minded and possesses no requisites of statesmanship. Upon the school question and convict laber Mr. Murphy, as Mayor, sent to the Common Council admirable messages upon these subjects, which at the time attracted general attention. When he was first elected Mayor the opposition did everything in its power to cripple his administration.

The public school system of Troy had just began to grow, and Mayor Murphy took a deep interest in that subject. Mayor Murphy's party opponents thought they saw a chance to make trouble for the Mayor, and united in opposing the exection of a high school, which was then advocated by those who wanted every possible educational advantage bestowed upon the youth of the city.

"Many thought a serious dilemma confronted Mayor Murphy on the theshold of his administration, and there was no doubt that a plot existed among his senemies to put him into a hole as being exposed to 'too much education.' They confidently expected that he would oppose the establishment of the high school, but he diship. I lie took the buil by the horns and sent to the Common Council a message not only in favor of a high school but every other educational advantage that could be devised.

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other educational advantage that could be devised.

"He routed with one blow the plot of his enemies to throw him, and made those of his own party who believed in 'just a little more retreachment in school appropriations' to come around to his way of thinking. 'Here,' said Judgo Griffith, 'is a copy of his school message, and I think it good reading for the Magwamps and those who imagine that Edward Murchy is not a broad-gauge clipen.' In the message, among other things, Mayor Murchy said:

"The general organization of our schools."

"The general organization of our schools and the character and scope of instruction "The general organization of our schools and the character and scope of instruction given them, appear to be quite satisfactory to a vast majoritylof our citizens, although the discussions which have arisen all over our land concerning public education and its scope have not failed to be heard within our borders. No steps backward would be more unpopular or more unprofitable than those which would affect the prosperity and efficiency of our common schools.

"Remembering what popular education has done for the most unenlightened nations of

"Remembering what popular education has done for the most unealightened nations of the earth, the part it has performed in developing the resources of our country, how it opens the doors of preferment, in a free country like ours, to every citizen, let us reject the fallacy that our people are in danger of being educated too much, and bear our part of the task of enlightening the nation by contributing freely toward the erection of suitable school edifices, not showy structures devoid of fitness for school purposes; and the employment of capable and efficient teachers, at remunerative rates, teachers whose employment shall be based upon their competency for the work and never upon other grounds. Having thus contributed, let us require that every cent expended by the School Board shall be amplied economically, faithfully, and honestly to the purpose for which it is designated."

In 1878 Mayor Murphy was called upon to In 1878 Mayor Murphy was called upon to send a message to the Common Council of Troy bearing upon the contract convict labor cuestion. The causes which led to this mesquestion. The causes which led to this mes-sage was the removal of the extensive hollow ware plant of Foxell & Jones of Troy to Au-turn prison. This firm employed over 600 men. At the time the removal was made there was much agitation among the business in-terests of Troy, which were looking about for

terests of Trey, which were looking about for a chance to also derive a benefit from prison labor. Mayor Murphy saw the drift of things and sent a message to the Common Council in which he said:

"The year has been exceptionally oppressive in a commorcial and business point of view. Nowhere has the depression been more keenly felt than in this city.

"Among the primary causes which contributed to bring so much distress upon the working people, not only of Troy, but the entire State, is the iniquitous system of convict labor which has been introduced into the penal institutions of New York.

"This system, in its present practical operations, is utterly indefensible, either in morals ons, is ulterly indefensible, either in morals states manshin. No sound principle political economy can be cired to sustain easystem. Wherever prison labor is put in materials with tree labor the effect is necessity both disastrous to the commonwealth of the commonwealth of the commonwealth.

sa ily both disastrous to the commonwealth and demoralizing to its constituents. It is the manifest duty of the Legislature to abstish the present convict labor contracts at any cost, for the people cannot afford to continue them.

"It is our duty to assist in bringing about this desirable result, and I take this means of calling the subject to your attention, and offering the suggestion that you take such steps as in your judgment may be necessary to represent to the law-making power the importance to this municipality of adopting some measure which shall relieve our free labor of the degrading opposition of criminal workmen."

THE NORTH DAKOTA BENATORSHIP. It Looks as Though It Would be the Field

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Mr. M. N. Johnson the Republican Congressman from North Daketa, to-day said:

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"I hope the Republicans of North Dakota, if they caucus, will abide by its decision as to the Reputhican nominee, unless the selection should be Senator Casey."

Two years ago, when the Republicans, who were overwhelmingly in the majority, held a caucus and agreed upon Mr. Johnson as the party nominee by 42 votes out of 80, the other 38 votes being distributed between a number of other candidates, of whom Senator Casey was one, the minority united on Senator Casey, and by combination with ten Democrates decieted him to the Senate.

There are a number of Republican candidates in the fleid now, and if it should prove correct, as stated by Mr. Johnson, that a number of itepublican members of the legislature will refuse to go into caucus, a fleid of possible combinations between various political elements is opened.

The Republicans have a majority of six in the fleid services of the legislature over the opposition, made up of Democrates and Populists, with loanings toward and endorsements from the Republican or Fernacratic Parties. With no cancus nominee chiesen by the Republicans, all its nemicles will have wide party latitude. Senator Randon or Permedical parties of the legislature of the Republicans and was elected without one.

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Michigan's Congress Delegation.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 17 .- The State Board of anvassers to-day delivered certif ates convassors to-day delivered certificates of cioction to all the Congressmen elect, including George F. Richardson. Democrat, in the Fifth district, a recount giving him a plurality of ten. The delegation will be composed of seven Republicans and five Democrats. The totals on Presidential electors will not be announced until Monday. The canvass of the vote of state officers has been postponed until Tuesday, pending the correction of manifest cierical errors in the returns.

Will Resubmit Prohibition to the People. YANETON, S. D., Dec. 17 .- A poll of the State Legislature shows a decided majority for resubmitting the Prohibition law. A majority of the members are opposed to any change in the Divorce law or any adversary railroad Legis-latura. BELLAMY TOO MUCH FOR HIM

ARTIST STRISON'S WIFE A CONVERT, AND HE WANTS A DIFORCE.

She Wanted to Write Constantly

Formed Notions and Could Barely Tol-erate Him, but She Hud Time to See Many Advanced Thought Cranks, He Says, PROVIDENCE, Dec. 17.-Too much Bellamyiam, artist G. Walt. Stetson says, has ruleed his home, and he is now suing for a divorce. Mr. Stetson's works in oil and water colors are well known in Boston and New York. The re-spondent is Charlotte Perkins Stetson, whose iterary works of the Bellamy order have attracted some attention in the past two years. The Stetsons are both young, the husband not ret being 35 years old.

They had been married five years when Mrs. Stetson announced that she would consent to her husband's stay in the house only on condition that they should live separate. This state of affairs lasted until Jan. 10, 1800, when she left the house and went to Pasadena. Cal., where she now is.

Mrs. Stetson left her husband, she said, because she felt that, if she remained with him, he would sacrifice time that ought to be devoted to the cause of women's rights, dress reform, and other movements. She was an

voted to the cause of women's rights, dress reform, and other movements. She was an early convert to nationalism. She was a regular contributor to the Nationalist, the New Aaton, the New England Magazine, and other publications.

She told her husband that she considered the marriage relation binding only so long as that relation did not interfere with or injure a person's profession, and that marriage should be a matter of personal choice rather than a legal obligation.

Mir. Stetson in his testimony to-day said that his wife's first mission was "to show the American women how to dress, and how to become strong and healthy, so that children might be born to them without costing them their health, and, in many instances, their lives." Mrs. Stetson practised what she preached, and wore no corsets, waist belts, or boot heels.

When sha took hold of the Bellamy idea she "had it bad." Mr. Stetson said. He added: "She discussed the situation of her life from her standpoint, and she said it was only an aggravation not to have the days longer, so that she could give up her entire time to her writings. At that time she was loaded down with the works of Bellamy.

"She took up in course, however, the different reforms, and she said she expected to lend her aid to all the reform movements that were to be started in the future. Mrs. Stetson would talk on Nationalism and Bellamy's theories from daylight till dark. I endeavored to indige all this, and many other things in the same line that caused me much pain, but I failed to find that the indulgence did any good to my cranky wife.

"The literary bureau which Mrs. Stetson established at my house was something gigantic. She contributed regularly to the Nationalist paper and was widely advertised, the result being that it brought other cranks to my residence to consult and visit my wife."

The petition was not contested.

TO BE A DE FACTO LEGISLATURE.

Been Unconstitutional. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.-The Indiana Supreme Court to-day decided unconstitutional the apportionment act passed by the Democratic Legislature two years ago, under the provisions of which the Legislature which

The Indiana Gerrymander Declared to Have

meets next month was chosen. The finding is that the Apportionment laws of 1801 and 1879 are all unconstitutional by plaint, but the court also finds that there is a de facto Legislature elected qualified to enact a law which may take the place of the law set

The Court does not pass upon the validity of the act of 1885, and therefore does not pass upon the status of the hold-over Senators. which was considered one of the most im-

upon the status of the hold-over Senators, which was considered one of the most important points.

The Court holds that it has authority to declare an apportionment law void if it conflicts with the Constitution, and that it has the right to mas upon the validity of the acts of 1891 and 1870. While holding the law of 1891 to be void, the Court holds that the members elected under that act are de facto officials of the State, and their actions, so far as they relate to the public, valid.

The opinion was written by Judge Coffee and was concurred in by Judges Olds. Miller, and McBride. Judgo Elliott holds that the questions at issue in the case actually before the court were disposed of before the question of the constitutionality of the act of 1891 was reached, and it was therefore unnecessary to go further after that case was disposed of.

The main question considered in the opinion is whether the Court has the right to decide upon a political question. The opinion reads:

It is claimed that this is a political question over which it has no jurisdiction.

After referring to a number of cases of higher courts, where it was decided that the court had no jurisdiction to decide political questions, the Supreme Court decides that the case of the law of 1885 is one involving political questions, and the court has no jurisdiction over it. The lower court is spoken of as having made a mistake when it rendered a decision in the case.

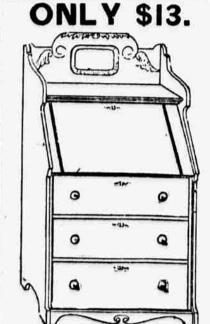
THINK THEY COULD BEAT PATTERSON. But Won't Try, Perhaps, Until It's Worth While to be Republican Boss,

Herman Cantor, the new Republican leader in the Sixteenth Assembly district, is authority for the statement that the fight to oust Jacob party in this city is going to be vigorous. Mr. Cantor is a friend of Police Justice Solon B. Smith, and Mr. Patterson tried hard to defeat his ticket at the primaries. Mr. Cantor declares that it is quite possible that the Patterson opposition will have a majority of the Ex-ecutive Committee and prevent Patterson's re-

ecutive committee and prevent ratterson's reelection as chairman.

From other sources it was learned that there
are only thirteen of the Committee of Thirtyone who can be absolutely depended on to
support Patterson in event of a fight, and that
ratterson is one of the thirteen. Fourteen, it
is said, could be safely counted on in opposition, with four doubtful, whose votes would
decide the contest, although Mr. Canter names
one of these as an out-and-out anti-Patterson
man.

"Although I think we can beat Patterson." said one of the anti-Patterson district leaders yesterday. "I don't believe any vigorous attempt will be made to oust him this time. For two years more the job of the liepublican local leader isn't going to be one to be craved by any body, and if Patterson is willing to keep the place until it's worth having, I am in favor of letting him have it."



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An Engrossed Copy of the Resolutions of the

Steamship Conterences Sent to Him, Health Officer Jenkins received vesterday. engrossed and framed, the resolutions adopted by the North Atlantic Steam Traffic Conference, the Continental Conference, and the Mediterranean Conference at their meeting

held on Oct. 17. The resolutions are signed by the Secretary of the conferences, Lawson Sandford, and of the conferences, Lawson Sandford, and commend Dr. Jenkins and his staff for his energy, devotion to duty, and fairness to all interests during the period when it was been published, say that the work was conducted with a view to the least possible interference with business interests and travel, and so as not to inconsistently obstruct or interesting the property of the conducted with a view to the least possible interference with business interests and travel, and so as not to inconsistently obstruct or interesting the property of t

Vice Must Not Be Too Much in Evidence, Columnus, Ohio, Dec. 17 .- The Police Commissioners to-day unanimously instructed the Chief of Police to close saloons at mid-night and keep gamiliers under cover at all times, and require both to observe respecta-bility on Sunday.

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THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Resolutions Passed Asking Clemency for the Chicago Anarchists Gompers Re-clected. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—In the closing meeting of the twelfth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor to-day a resolution was unanimously adopted asking cleanency for the imprisoned Chicago Anarchists Nuebe, Fielding, and Schwab.

Emboldened by their success, one of the Bocialists present, Delegate Morgan of Chicago, introduced a substitute for a resolution favoring Government control of telegraph and telephone lines. The Socialist element wanted a resolution asking that the Government control all means of communication, transportation. and production.

Mr. Morgan insisted on a roll call to test the sense of the Federation on this proposition, and the result was a defeat for the Socialist and the result was a defeat for the Socialist
by a vote of 1,028 to 57. Even some of the degrates of pronounced socialistic views voted against the resolution, owing to the indefinite nature of the demand.

Pifferences between the Socialists and Autonomists were aired, when a resolution was reported asking Congress either to pass legislation chapeling the adjustment of labor dispites by artistration or the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting such legislation.

constitutional amendment permitting such legislation.

The socialistic representatives favored the measure as a step toward Government control of all production, and characterized its opponents as Anarchists, charging that they objected to it as they objected to all Government manarchem. President Gompars and others argued that compulsory arbitration might reverse the lift tail into the hands of capital. The question was fully settled by the story of a substitute which emphatically proved the principles of arbitration, but reconsider its intility where the workers involved are not fully organized.

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Teleare the annual election of officers was begin it was decided to increase the President's shary from \$1.500 to \$1.800. The salary of the Secretary was also increased from \$1.200 to \$1.500, and nominations were then opened. There, was no opposition to President in Dare manner telected Secretary. A contact developed for the Treasurer's office and John B. Jennon, the present incumbent, was elected over Henry Weismann.

1. J. Maguire was reslected First Vice-President. For Second Vice-President, William A. Carnes of Pittsburgh, who took an active part in the Homestead troubies, was elected by a large majority.

Crime in High Places!

It is not strange that some people do wrong through ignorance; others, from a faiture to investigate as to But it is strange that individuals and firms, who are

fully aware of the rights of others, will persist in par-

petrating frauds upon them. High-toned, wealthy manufacturing firms will offer and sell to retail merchants articles which they know to be infringements on the rights of proprietors, and

imitations of well-known goods We want to sound a note of warning to the retailers to lewere of egen invistions and simulations of CARTERS LITTLE LIVER PILLS"

When they are offered to you refuse them; you do not want to do wrong, and you don't want to do you you. self liable to a law-mit.

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